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Venice, March 5. *N. S.*

THE Senate have given Orders to the Magistrates, who are entrusted with the Care of the *Arsenal*, to provide a great quantity of Arms, Ammunition, and other Warlike Stores, in the room of those that were taken from thence during the War. The Landgrave of *Hesse-Cassel*, and the Margrave of *Anspach*, who came hither on account of the Jubilee, are returned to *Germany*. Prince *James Sobiesky*, who lately arrived here from *Silesia*, went the first Instant to *Rome* to visit the Queen-Dowager of *Poland* his Mother, and the Princes *Alexander* and *Constantine* his Brothers began their Journey thither yesterday. Our Letters from *Rome* give an Account, that the Pope continues on the mending hand, and that he has given the Cap to Cardinal *Santa Croce*. Signior *Erizzo*, the *Venetian* Ambassador, was to make his Publick Entry at *Rome* the middle of this week, and 'twas agreed, That he should be accompanied only by the *Venetian* Prelates, and other Persons of Quality that are now at *Rome*, to prevent the Disputes about Rank that frequently happen in these occasions.

From the Camp before Riga, *February* 27. Lieutenant General *Fleming*, who Commands the *Saxon* Forces, sent yesterday a Letter to the Count of *Dahlberg* Governor of *Riga*, wherein he tells him, that the *Swedish* Officers, who are Prisoners in the Camp, having desired the liberty to send a Drummer with some Letters to their Friends at *Riga*; He could not forbear making use of this opportunity to acquaint him with the Surprise he was in, at his having burnt the Suburbs of *Riga*, at a time of the year which secures the City from a formal Siege, in which case only they could give the *Saxons* any advantage in covering their Approach towards the Town; But even this would not have gained them above two days, which would in no wise countervail the loss of so fine a Suburbs, and which would have been of great use to the *Swedes* themselves in furnishing Quarters for the Succours they expect from *Finland*. General *Fleming* concludes, with assuring Count *Dahlberg*, that he had no intention of taking any advantage from these Suburbs to the Prejudice of the Town, and that if he had had any such Design, he could have executed it upon his first coming before *Riga*, and desires him for the sake of the Inhabitants, to spare those Houses without the Town that are yet standing; The Governor returned an Answer, That as to his burning the Suburbs of *Riga*, he has done nothing but what can be very well justified, and what is customary in the like occasions, as he shall make appear in a more proper place. A Body of 1500 *Saxon* Horse and Dragoons, under the Command of Major-General *Patcoull* and Major *Lowen*, were sent out of the Camp yesterday into the Country, with Orders to burn and destroy the Houses of the *Livonians*, who will not submit to the King of *Poland*, and to assure those that do of his Protection. A Party of six Troopers being sent towards the Borders of *Muscovy* for Intelligence, four of them are returned, who report, that a great number of the Czar of *Muscovy*'s Forces are on the Frontiers, and we suppose them to be a Body of 30000 *Muscovites*, who 'tis said are marching hither under the Command of Major-General *Carlowitz*, to join the King of *Poland*'s Forces; The other two Troopers are still missing, and 'tis probable they may be fallen into the hands of the *Finlanders*, there being, as is reported, 8000 of them on their March to assist the *Swedes* at *Riga*, who at present are not above 4000 strong.

Dantzick, March 5. The Letters from *Livonia* give an Account, that the *Saxon* Forces before *Riga* have received a Reinforcement, and do now consist in about 12000 Men, and that they expect 6000 Men from *Lithuania* under the Command of General *Sapieha*. Since their making themselves Masters of the *Kober Schans*, of which you had an Account in our last, they have taken the *Bordera*, and another small Fort about 12 miles distant from *Riga*, which commands a Pass between *Livonia* and *Russia*. General *Fleming* has summoned the City of *Riga*, and allowed them time to consider whether they will yield, or suffer being bombarded, which 'tis said the Burghers are very much afraid of, their Warehouses being full of Pitch, Tar, Flax, and other combustible Matters. Some Advices tell us, that 30000 *Muscovites*, commanded by General *Carlowitz*, are marching to join the *Saxon* Troops, and that they have stopt a Body of 8000 *Finlanders* that were coming to join the *Swedes* at *Riga*. 'Tis said, a great number of the Gentlemen of *Livonia* seem enclined to side with the *Saxons*, and that to encourage and countenance them, General *Fleming* has sent a Detachement of 1500 Horse and Dragoons under the Command of Major-General *Patcoull* a Native of *Livonia*, to assure them of the King of *Poland*'s Protection, or otherwise to threaten them with Military Execution. Our last Advices from *Mittau* say, that just before the departure of the Post there was a Report, that the *Saxons* were going to attack the *Dunamunder* Fort, a Post of great consequence to the Town of *Riga*.

Vienna, March 3. The Emperor has given Orders for the speedy Payment of the Arrears due to the Forces, and for Recruiting them. The States of *Lower Austria* are still assembled in this City. The States of *Transilvania*, which met lately at *Croonweyssemburg*, are separated, having consented to pay the Subsidies demanded of them in the Emperor's Name by General *Rabutin*, who presided in that Assembly. The Dutchess Dowager of *Hanover* intends to part from hence to morrow, on her return to *Mantua*; And Orders are given for her being conducted, and her Expences defrayed as far as the Frontiers of *Italy*. The Emperor has not yet appointed Commissioners to Confer with the *Turkish* Ambassador, which is deferred until an Account comes of the Imperial Ambassador's arrival and Reception at *Constantinople*, who according to our last Advices from *Turky*, was expected at *Constantinople* about the 10th of the last Month. Our Letters from thence say, Mr. *Reed*, Steward to my Lord *Paget*, His Majesty of *Great-Britain*'s Ambassador at the Port, was returned from *England*, where he had been to deliver Letters from the Grand Signior and Grand Vizier to His Majesty; And that the Grand Vizier had presented him with a Chassan and a Purse of Money.

Francfort, March 11. The Conferences for settling the Dutchess of *Orleans*'s Pretentions on the Palatinate, are continued, and the Dutchess's Deputy has lately delivered a Memorial to the Ministers of the Emperor and the most Christian King, as Mediators, being a Reply to the Me-

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